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MERRY XMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

DETROIT SENTIMENT FAVORABLE TO SWEET

WALTER COHEN, OF LOUISIANA ACQUITTED

JUDGE DIRECTS COHEN BE FREED

Shift of Testimony Results in Verdict for New Orleans Negro Collector

LEADER OF REPUBLICANS

The Shift of Testimony was a Distinct Surprise and Produced a Sensation in the Court

New Orleans, La., Dec. 19.—Walter Cohen, Negro Republican leader and comptroller of the port of New Orleans, was freed of charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws in federal district court here today, when Alopza Patterson, one of his 11 co-defendants, repudiated previous testimony that Cohen had caused a customs boat to be maneuvered so as not to interfere with liquor movements. The shift of testimony was a distinct surprise and produced a sensation in court.

Patterson was recalled to the stand by defense attorneys when they learned he desired to change part of his testimony. Henry Dedeaux, Negro acting surveyor of customs, was named by Patterson as the one who caused the customs boat to be shifted at the will of the rum runners. Dedeaux was immediately arrested and released on bond.

Judge W. I. Grubb ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty against Cohen. Five of the defendants today pleaded guilty and the cases of the other five were given to the jury late in the afternoon.

Among those entering pleas of guilty was Patterson, considered one of the ring leaders of the ring, and Arthur Battistella, former proprietor of a popular local restaurant, who a few weeks ago was convicted on several counts of paying bribes to prohibition agents. The bribes were accepted and turned over to the government by "under cover" workers.—The State.

HON. I. S. LEEVY TO DELIVER EMANCIPATION ADDRESS AT GADSDEN.

Hon. I. S. Leevy, the progressive and prosperous merchant of this city, will deliver the Emancipation address at the New Consolidated School, at Gadsden, S. C., January 1, 1926. Mr. Leevy is a fluent, as well as a logical speaker, and will interest his hearers on this occasion.

BABIES RAISED MORE THAN \$25,000 IN YEAR

N. Y. AND PHILA. LEAD IN DEFENSE FUND

NEW YORK IS LEADING CITY

Philadelphia is Second in the Legal Defense Fund to Raise \$50,000

CHICAGO, THIRD IN LIST

Cleveland Fourth, District of Columbia Fifth, Other Cities that raised \$100 or more

The two leading cities in the drive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to raise a \$50,000 Legal Defense Fund, are New York with \$2,793.31 and Philadelphia with \$2,550. The 1,601.94 raised at the New York mass meeting addressed by Clarence Darrow brought that city in to first place.

Chicago is the third in the list \$1,760; Cleveland fourth with \$1,000 and the District of Columbia fifth with \$959.79. The other cities or districts which raised \$100 or more in the order of their contributions are as follows:

- Richmond, Va., \$750.67; Northern California, \$500; Toledo, O., \$446.57; St. Paul, Min., \$390; Springfield, Mass., \$360; Newark, N. J., \$304.33; Louisville, Ky., \$300; Pittsburgh, Pa., \$239; Indianapolis, Ind., \$228.85; Denver, Colo., \$216.05; Buffalo, N. Y., \$200; New Bedford, Mass., \$2.00; Lexington, Ky., \$171.18; Yonkers, N. Y., \$167.34; Staten Island, N. Y., \$162.44; Akron, O., \$158; Nyack, \$157; Omaha, Nebr., \$144.15; Durham, N. C., \$142.30; Columbus, O., \$141.33; Minneapolis, Minn., \$128; Long Branch, Calif., \$125; Hartford, Conn., \$123; Portland, Ore., \$114.25; Fort Wayne, Ind., \$113.62.

The staff of the N. A. A. C. P. is now engaged in tabulating the final result of the \$50,000 Legal Defense Fund drive and results as of the end of the year will be announced by the Association. All persons or groups having contributions to send in are urged to do so at once in order that they may be included in the final report.

THE BIRTH OF LOVE

By William D. Robinson.

CHRISTMAS

What was the world's great need? Four thousand years Of bitterest agony and hopelessness,— Of strife and all the cursed woes of Hate, Offsprings of Lust and Greed and Jealousy And fatal Selfishness, hung like a shroud, O'er all the straggling world. The broken law, Dust covered, lay among the Temple's ruins, Where camped the bold battalions of the Fall; And Humanity beneath Sin's burden groaned.

In vain, the Priest upon the altar poured The blood of beasts to wash away the stains. In vain had Moses with the brand of Fear, Stood pleading by the Law: The Curse of Death Made blacker yet the darkness,—barred the Gate, And crushed each new-born hope still in the womb!

What was the world's great need? Creation groaned: White winged Faith and dauntless Fealty To Truth and Righteousness dwelt in the soul Of lonely watchers from the Seer's Tower.

Behold the Star! From Heav'n's gates ajar, Brilliantly gleaming! Lo, from afar o'er sea and mountain bar, The bright Heralds streaming!

List to the song! a glad triumph o'er Wrong! Heavenward swelling. See the glad Throng! See them pressing along, Glad tidings telling!

The Angels sing Earth's new-born Saviour-King; And Peace o'er all earth, Goodwill to men, breaking the clouds of Sin, By Love's humble birth.

Earth's darkness lifts; as Heaven's chiefest of gifts Smiles from the manger. The battlefield shifts, as glad music drifts, O'erwhelming Danger!

Death saw his doom in the vanishing gloom: For Love came as Life. Hate saw his doom, and crouching in the gloom, Still stirred up black Strife.

The Angels sing Earth's new-born Saviour King, And Peace o'er all earth, Goodwill to men, breaking the clouds of Sin, By Love's humble birth!

DR. R. W. MANCE CALLED TO THE BEDSIDE OF BISHOP BECKETT—ILL IN SUMMERVILLE HOSPITAL.

Special to The Leader: Summerville, Dec. 24.—Dr. R. W. Mance, of Columbia, Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, A. M. E. Church, was called to the bedside of Bishop W. W. Beckett, who has been confined to his bed in a hospital here for more than two weeks.

Bishop Beckett took seriously ill at the opening of the Charleston Conference, Dec. 9th and was carried to the hospital at Summerville immediately. His condition has been critical. The members of his immediate family are with him. It was rumored last week that the Bishop was doing well and would likely recover fully in a few days, but the fact that he has summoned his close adviser to his bedside this week is taken to mean by many that the condition of the Bishop is not all one of hope, which is a shock to the Church throughout the country.

Bishop Beckett is Chairman of the General Conference Commission, Presiding Bishop of Mississippi and South Carolina. His duties this year have been very heavy, which accounts for his breakdown, according to the opinion of many. At the bedside of the Bishop are Mrs. W. W. Beckett, his wife; Mrs. M. H. Davis, of Baltimore, and Mrs. A. B. Coasey, of New York, his daughters and his brothers from Edisto Island.

William Pickens Says the Colored Babies Have Raised a Large Sum of Money

SET OUT TO RAISE \$25,000

Figures to Date Show that they Have Passed these Figures with Contests Pending

Colored babies have done a remarkable job in 1925, according to William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who reports that they set out to raise \$25,000 during the year and they have already gone far beyond that mark. The final report will be made public after December 31, 1925.

There are baby contests pending in Anderson, Indiana, Chicago, Ill., Columbus, Ohio, Detroit, Mich., Hopkinsville, Ky., Lexington, Ky., Louisville, Ky., Marysville, Ohio, Norfolk, Va., Richmond, Va., Zanesville, Ohio and Uniontown, Pa.

Contests have recently closed in Great Falls, Mont., Durham, N. C., Ft. Wayne, Ind., Richmond, Va., South Bend, Ind., Staten Island and Yonkers, N. York.

Perhaps Staten Island has enrolled the record number of babies to date, having had seventy (70) in their list. It may be noted that Detroit is having the second Baby Contest within the year, and that Zanesville is having its second contest, having had the first last year.

It is the universal testimony that the Baby Contest interests a greater number of individuals of the community in the N. A. A. C. P. than any other form of approach.

Dr. Moses L. Jenkins Dead.

Dr. Moses L. Jenkins, after an illness lasting nearly six months passed away quietly at the home of his brother-in-law, M. J. Watson, 2206 Hampton Ave., last Friday night, Dec. 18, inst.

Dr. Moses L. Jenkins was a pharmacist by profession, having finished the course at the Meharry Medical school of Nashville, Tenn.

For a number of years he conducted the drug business in his native city of Anderson, where he did a thriving business. Only a few years ago the whole family moved to Colum-

SAYS PROMINENT WHITE ATTORNEY

He States that the Opinion of Many Others is that the Case should be Nolle Prossed

HIS NAME IS WITHHELD

Another Man Says People of his Locality Have a new Understanding of Colored People's Rights

A prominent white attorney, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, has written to the N. A. A. C. P. to report that sentiment in the city has swung in favor of Dr. O. H. Sweet and his associates who defended the Sweet home from a mob. The attorney writes:

"From the comments which have come to me since the Sweet trial, I am satisfied that a great deal of good was accomplished. There are even compensations in the failure of the jury to agree. One man who used to live in the neighborhood of Garland and Charlevoix told me that he believed that the people of that locality have a new understanding of the right of the colored people to buy property and live in it. He states that the opinion of many others is that the case should now be nolle prossed."

"On the other hand there are the 'die-hards' who are undoubtedly using their influence to prevent Prosecutor Tom's from doing any such wise thing."

bia, where they bought some of the best property on Washington St., and at the same time, purchasing the L. D. Child's mansion in Waverley.

Dr. Moses had been in poor health for a number of years. He was quiet, unassuming, with loving and pleasing disposition. He bore his illness with patience and fortitude and Christian courage. He died as he lived with hope and faith unwavering in God.

Surviving him are Drs. N. A. and D. K. Jenkins, Mrs. M. J. Watson of this city, the Rev. J. N. Jenkins, of Waco, Texas, and Dr. Counts, of Bennettsville.

Brief services were held at the residence Sunday morning by Revs. J. C. White and J. M. Myers, after which the remains was carried off on the early train to Anderson, where appropriate funeral services were held from the St. Paul Baptist church where he spent his early boyhood.

Peace to his ashes and rest to his weary soul.